

## **Photoconductivity and photodielectric effect in LiY<sub>1-x</sub>Lu<sub>x</sub>F<sub>4</sub> crystals doped with Ce<sup>3+</sup> and Yb<sup>3+</sup> ions**

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### **Abstract**

Time and spectral dependences of the dielectric permittivity of the LiY<sub>1-x</sub>Lu<sub>x</sub>F<sub>4</sub> ( $x = 0, 0.5$ , and  $1$ ) crystals doped with Ce<sup>3+</sup> and co-doped with Yb<sup>3+</sup> ions under UV laser excitation were studied by the 8-mm microwave resonant technique at room temperature. The obtained photoconductivity spectrum in 240-310 nm spectral range was interpreted as a stepwise photoionization spectrum of the Ce<sup>3+</sup> ions due to sequential 4f-5d and 5d-6s transitions. Average lifetimes of free and defect trapped (color centers) charge carriers were estimated. © 2014 Pleiades Publishing, Ltd.

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